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SUBJECT: MNFP: F-16: LEGAL STATUS OF CONSORTIUM PERSONNEL

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1. DEPARTMENT AND DOD ARE CURRENTLY ADDRESSING QUESTION OF RECIPROCAL STATUS FOR GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL FROM EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WHO WILL BE ASSIGNED TO US OVER NEXT SEVERAL YEARS IN CONNECTION WITH F-16 PROGRAM. PERSONNEL WILL INITIALLY BE COMING TO WRIGHT PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE AND LATER FORT WORTH AND EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE.

2. CURRENT PLANS CALL FOR 23 AMERICANS TO BE ASSIGNED TO ESPO, BRUSSELS. IN ADDITION, 41 USG PERSONNEL WILL BE UNCLASSIFIED

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SENT TO PRODUCTION FACILITIES IN BELGIUM AND 12 TO OTHERS

IN THE NETHERLANDS. NO PERSONNEL WILL PERMANENTLY BE ASSIGNED TO NORWAY OR DENMARK.

3. IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE RECIPROCAL LEGAL STATUS FOR EUROPEAN PERSONNEL IN THE US, DEPARTMENT NEEDS TO KNOW URGENTLY WHAT PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES HOST GOVERNMENTS WILL GRANT USG PERSONNEL. IF AMERICANS ARE GIVEN STATUS OF NON-DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL AS REFTEL SUGGESTS, WHAT TAX EXEMPTIONS (E.G., GASOLINE, AUTOMOBILE REGISTRA-

TIONS, VALUE ADDED, TYPES OF IMMUNITIES, IMPORT PRIVILEGES, ETC., WOULD BE COVERED BY SUCH STATUS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S INDICATING APPROXIMATE DOLLAR VALUE OF EXEMPTIONS GRANTED. EMBASSIES SHOULD CONSIDER WHETHER ANY OTHER STATUS MIGHT BE CONSIDERED AND WHAT PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES WOULD BE GRANTED UNDER ALTERNATE STATUS.

4. DEPARTMENT NEEDS EMBASSY REPLY BY COB AUGUST 21 AS INFORMATION IS NEEDED FOR MULTINATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING AUGUST 25. KISSINGER

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